

the month for which your benefit is being determined. The result is the amount of the benefit that you are due for the month in which benefits are to be prorated.

*Example* Mr. X applies for SSI on April 16, 1984. He has no income. He first meets all factors of eligibility on April 16, 1984. His Federal benefit rate is \$314 per month. Mr. X's unprorated benefit for April is \$314. The number of days from when he first meets all factors of eligibility (including that day) through the end of the month is 15. The unprorated benefit (\$314) multiplied by the number of days for which he is eligible for benefits (15) is \$4710. That amount divided by the number of days in April (30) is \$157. This is the amount that Mr. X is due for the month of April.

[51 FR 13493, Apr. 14, 1986]

**§ 416.426 Change in status involving an individual; ineligibility occurs.**

Whenever benefits are suspended or terminated for an individual because of ineligibility, no benefit is payable for that month.

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**§ 416.428 Eligible individual without an eligible spouse has an essential person in his home.**

When an eligible individual without an eligible spouse has an essential person (as defined in § 416.222) in his home, the amount by which his rate of payment is increased is determined in accordance with §§ 416.531 and 416.532. The essential person's income is deemed to be that of the eligible individual, and the provisions of §§ 416.401 through 416.426 will apply in determining the benefit of such eligible individual.

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**§ 416.430 Eligible individual with eligible spouse; essential person(s) present.**

(a) When an eligible individual with an eligible spouse has an essential person (§ 416.222) living in his or her home, or when both such persons each has an essential person, the increase in the rate of payment is determined in accordance with §§ 416.413 and 416.532. The income of the essential person(s) is included in the income of the couple and the payment due will be equally di-

vided between each member of the eligible couple.

(b) When one member of an eligible couple is temporarily absent in accordance with § 416.1149(c)(1) and § 416.222(c) and either one or both individuals has an essential person, add the essential person increment to the benefit rate for the member of the couple who is actually residing with the essential person and include the income of the essential person in that member's income. See § 416.414(b)(3).

[60 FR 16375, Mar. 30, 1995]

**§ 416.432 Change in status involving a couple; eligibility continues.**

When there is a change in status which involves the formation or dissolution of an eligible couple (for example, marriage, divorce), a redetermination of the benefit amount shall be made for the months subsequent to the month of such formation or dissolution of the couple in accordance with the following rules:

(a) When there is a dissolution of an eligible couple and each member of the couple becomes an eligible individual, the benefit amount for each person shall be determined individually for each month beginning with the first month after the month in which the dissolution occurs. This shall be done by determining the applicable benefit rate for an eligible individual with no eligible spouse according to §§ 416.410 or 416.413 and 416.414 and applying § 416.420(a). See § 416.1147a for the applicable income rules when in-kind support and maintenance is involved.

(b) When two eligible individuals become an eligible couple, the benefit amount will be determined for the couple beginning with the first month following the month of the change. This shall be done by determining which benefit rate to use for an eligible couple according to §§ 416.412 or 416.413 and 416.414 and applying the requirements in § 416.420(a).

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**§ 416.435 Change in status involving a couple; ineligibility occurs.**

Whenever benefits are suspended or terminated for both members of a couple because of ineligibility, no benefits

are payable for that month. However, when benefits are suspended or terminated for one member of a couple because of ineligibility for a month, the member who remains eligible assumes the eligibility status of an eligible individual without an eligible spouse for such month and the benefit rate and payment amount will be determined as an eligible individual for the month.

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### Subpart E—Payment of Benefits, Overpayments, and Underpayments

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#### § 416.501 Payment of benefits: General.

Payment of SSI benefits will be made for the month of initial eligibility and each subsequent month provided all requirements for eligibility (see § 416.202) and payment (see § 416.420) are met. In the month the individual first meets all eligibility requirements and the month in which an individual re-establishes eligibility after at least a month of ineligibility, benefits are paid for such a month beginning with the date in the month on which the individual meets all eligibility requirements. In some months, while the factors of eligibility based on the current month may be established, it is possible to receive no payment for that month if the factors of eligibility for payment are not met. Payment of benefits may not be made for any period that precedes the date on which an application is filed or, if later, the date all conditions for eligibility and payment are met. It is possible for a couple to become eligible in the same month but as of different dates and receive different payment amounts for that month if they file their applications on different dates or if they meet the necessary requirements (for example, age) on different dates.

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#### § 416.502 Manner of payment.

For the month an individual first meets all eligibility requirements or reestablishes eligibility after a month of ineligibility, an SSI payment will be made on or after the day of the month on which the individual becomes eligible or reeligible to receive benefits. In all other months, a payment will be made on the first day of each month and represents payment for that month. If the first day of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, payments will be made on the first day preceding such day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Unless otherwise indicated, the monthly amount for an eligible couple will be divided equally and paid separately to each individual. Section 416.520 explains emergency advance payments.

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#### § 416.503 Minimum monthly benefit amount.

If you receive an SSI benefit that does not include a State supplement the minimum monthly SSI benefit amount payable is \$1. When an SSI benefit amount of less than \$1 is payable, the benefit amount will be increased to \$1. If you receive an SSI benefit that does include a State supplement and the SSI benefit amount is less than \$1 but when added to the State supplement exceeds \$1, the SSI benefit amount will not be increased to \$1. Rather, we pay the actual amount of the SSI benefit plus the State supplement.

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#### § 416.520 Emergency advance payments.

(a) *General.* Before we make a determination on an application, we may pay a one-time emergency advance payment to an individual who is presumptively eligible for SSI benefits and who has a financial emergency. The amount of this payment cannot exceed the Federal benefit rate (see §§ 416.410 through 416.414) plus the State supplementary payment, if any (see § 416.202), which apply for the month in which payment is made. *Emergency advance payment* is defined in paragraph